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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Chia-Te Wu et al.

Application No.: 10/773,961

Filed: February 6, 2004

For: A METHOD AND STRUCTURE  
FOR LAYOUT OF CELL CONTACT  
AREA FOR SEMICONDUCTOR  
INTEGRATED CIRCUITS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 7323

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper and include both attached replacement sheets and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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